different plant species annually to individuals, NGO's institutions, Resident Welfare Associations (RWA) etc., free of cost to increase the green cover. Recently Government have started 'Bhagidari' programme in collaboration with RWA to make 'Green Delhi' Project a success.

Curbing emission of green house gases

660. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what effective steps have been taken so far by Government to crub emission of green house gases, since signing of the convention to crub emission of such gases; and

(b) whether Government agree with the US-President's reported speech at a Democratic Leadership Council in Washington on may 21-22, 2000 that India and China were expected to become bigger emitters of green house gases than US in another 30 years, and if not, the steps contemplated to avert the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) Several existing 'policy declarations', 'acts as well as various fiscal and on-going programmes/initiatives contribute to the minimization of greenhouse gas emissions in India. Such measures include improvement of the efficiency of conventional energy generation and use, development of major renewable energy programmes promotion of clean coal and bio-mass energy technologies as well as conservation of forests.

(b) The existing legal and policy framework adequately addresses the concerns of greenhouse gas emissions. The Convention recognizes that per-capita emissions in developing countries are still relatively low and that the share of emissions originating a developing countries will grow to meet their social and development needs. Thus, in the context of multilateral obligations, India is not required to take any steps to 'curb the green house gas emissions' and/or 'avert the situation' arising out of their possible build-up in the atmosphere.